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SUBJECT: SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM

TO: DON BATSON, UNITECH

1005 EAST ST ELMO ROAD

AUSTIN, TEXAS

1. METU WILL NOT REOPEN FOR CLASSES UNTIL DECEMBER 20
AS RESULT OF DECEMBER 1-5 NATIONAL RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY AND
SEMESTER BREAK. DR. YASAR IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL
DECEMBER 10 WHEN I WILL SEE HIM AND PICK UP BOX OF
MATERIALS YOU NEED.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED TURKELLI WHO CAME TO SEE ME TODAY
ON TIMING ON SRO INSTALLATION. TURKELLI TOLDME FOLLOWING:

A. UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION CREW IS CLOSING IN RECORDER ROOM
IN GEOLOGY BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. TURKELLI CLAIMS
THIS WILL BE ADEQUATE FACILITY AND WILL BE BETTER THAN
TEMPORARILY USING YASAR OFFICE FOR RECORDER ROOM AS WAS ORIGINALLY
PLANNED. HE SAYS ROOM WILL BE READY IN 15-20 DAYS.

B. ORIGINAL TRENCH FOR POWER AND TELEPHONE CABLE WAS TOO NARROW
AND IS NOW BEING WIDENED. SIX HUNDRED METERS ARE COMPLETE
WITH CABLE LAID AND 2400 METERS LEFT TO BE DONE. DEPENDING
ON WEATHER (WHICH IS PRESENTLY UNSEASONABLY WARM) TRENCH
WILL BE COMPLETED IN 15-30 DAYS.

C. YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST MAY YOU LOCATED THE EIGHT
MISSING BATTERIES IN ISTANBUL. WE HAD BOTH ASSUMED METU
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HAD RECEIVED THEM. TURKELLI TOLD ME TODAY, HOWEVER, THAT

BATTERIES WERE STILL IN CUSTOMS BUT METU IS STILL
TRYING TO GET THEM OUT. UNDERSTAND THESE NEEDED FOR
INSTALLATION.

3. CONSIDERING ABOVE FACTORS DOUBT THAT YOUR INSTALLATION
TEAM NEED ARRIVE UNTIL BEGINNING OF JANUARY. I WILL TALK
TO YASAR AND LET YOU KNOW MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.
SIGNED CHARLES A. MAST

AMERICAN EMBASSY
ANKARA, TURKEY
MACOMBER

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